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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Line and Fire Manager's Responsibilities and Accountability in Fire

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Many changes in the Fire Management Program have taken place since the disastrous 1994 season. One of the major modifications is the emphasis on accountability, which is critical to improving our performance and reducing the risks associated with wildland and prescribed fires. In 1999 three incidents required investigations and the resulting evaluations of personnel performance and assignment of accountability captured the attention of BLM's managers and fire community.

It has been 24 years since all fire management officers (FMO's) have met. Given the high interest in accountability, roles, responsibilities, safety and other changes within fire management, it is an opportune time to gather the FMO's and their managers and discuss and clarify these important issues before the most active portion of the fire season begins.

Such a gathering has been scheduled in Boise, Idaho, February 29 - March 2, at the Boise Centre on the Grove in the Summit Room. A steering committee composed of a cross-section of managers and fire personnel has been working on an agenda that will produce an informative, productive and constructive meeting. We strongly encourage all FMO's to attend, along with managers who have key roles and responsibilities in fire management. Our feeling is that the meeting in Boise will be an historic event, resulting in a much greater awareness of roles, responsibilities and who will be accountable for what in fire management. Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing Pat Moore at the Office of Fire and Aviation before February 7, 2000.

You may also confirm with her by calling 208-387-5150. Confirming will ensure a packet is available when you register for the conference the morning of February 29 and also help us with our planning for the conference.

Rooms have been set aside at three motels, all within a few blocks of the Boise Centre on the Grove, located at 950 Grove Street in downtown Boise. Please mention that you will be attending the BLM Fire Conference when you make reservations. You are responsible for making your own reservations, and they must be made by January 28. The motels are:

Owyhee Plaza Hotel, 1109 Main St., 208-343-4611 or 1-800-233-4611, \$55/night

Travel Lodge, 1314 Grove, 208-342-9351, \$42 (queen) or \$45 (king) per night

Safari Motor Inn, 11th and Grove, 208-344-6556, \$54/night

We look forward to seeing you in Boise. Specific questions about the meeting may be addressed to Roy Johnson, Deputy Fire Program Manager, at 208-387-5163.

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